

BEARFACTS 1990 – 2000 **Ben Hill** , **Georgia** [13017]

Ben Hill is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is part of the Fitzgerald, GA Micropolitan SA. Its 2000 population of 17,472 ranked 89th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2000 Ben Hill had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$20,631. This PCPI ranked 84th in the state and was 74 percent of the state average, \$27,990, and 69 percent of the national average, \$29,847. The 2000 PCPI reflected a decrease of 0.6 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 6.2 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. In 1990 the PCPI of Ben Hill was \$13,540 and ranked 79th in the state. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2000 Ben Hill had a total personal income (TPI) of \$360,467*. This TPI ranked 91st in the state and accounted for 0.2 percent of the state total. In 1990 the TPI of Ben Hill was \$219,579* and ranked 82nd in the state. The 2000 TPI reflected a decrease of 0.9 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 8.6 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.2 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Ben Hill. In 2000 net earnings accounted for 60.2 percent of TPI (compared with 61.1 in 1990); dividends, interest, and rent were 16.5 percent (compared with 16.7 in 1990); and personal current transfer receipts were 23.3 percent (compared with 22.2 in 1990). From 1999 to 2000 net earnings decreased 6.1 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 8.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 8.5 percent. From 1990 to 2000 net earnings increased on average 4.9 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.6 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Ben Hill decreased from \$322,462* in 1999 to \$306,784* in 2000, a decrease of 4.9 percent. The 1999-2000 state change was 8.1 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1990 estimate of \$173,638* to the 2000 estimate was 5.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.4 percent and for the nation was 5.8 percent.

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^{*}Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.